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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-9,13,17-23,27,30 and 35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5-9, 13, 17-23, 27, 30, and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 12/21/06.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 13,17-23, 27, 30, and 35 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 27 are the independent claims. In the amendment, claims 5, 13, and 18 were amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 13, 18-23, 27, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramirez Diaz US Patent US 6,476,858.

As per claim 5, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window display control apparatus capable of connecting to a video device, the apparatus comprising:

A display control unit that controls a display device to display a plurality of windows including a plurality of video windows (figure 3, item 140) and an operation panel window that is separate and discrete from the video window, (figure 1, items 101-102) at least one of the plurality of the video windows displaying an image based on image data output from the video, and the operation panel window displaying an operation panel for controlling the video device; (figure 1, items 101 and 102)

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A selecting unit that selects one of the video windows;

A control unit that controls said display control unit to change a size and a display and a display position of the operation panel window corresponding to the selected one of the video windows in accordance with a changing of a size of the selected one of the video windows.

(figure. 4, column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 20-35)

As per claim 6, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5. Ramirez Diaz further teaches said control unit controls said display control unit to change sizes of operating buttons included in the operating panel window in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows. (Figure 4, The operating buttons of the two left windows are larger than the operating buttons of the 8 right windows)

As per claim 8, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said control unit controls said display control unit to change display position and sizes of all of the video windows and the operation panel window that are being displayed, in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows. (column 7, lines 5-35)

As per claims 13 and 18, they are rejected with the same rationale claim 5. Supra.

As per claim 19, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window display control apparatus comprising:

A display control unit that controls a display device to display a plurality of windows in a display screen of the display device; (figure 3, item 140)

A selecting unit that selects one of the windows; (figure 2, item 103)

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A movement direction indicating unit that indicates a direction of movement of the one of the windows selected by said selecting unit; (column 6, lines 55-65) and

A control unit that is responsive to indication of movement direction of the selected one of the windows by said movement direction indicating unit, for controlling said display control unit to move the selected one of the windows in the indicated movement direction and display the selected one of the windows at an enlarged size, the enlarged size being larger than sizes of all of non-selected ones of the windows. (figure. 4, column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 20-35)

As per claim 20, it is of the same scope as claim 5, Supra.

As per claim 21, Ramirez Diaz teaches the method of claim 19. Ramirez Diaz further teaches when one of the windows has been selected by said selecting unit, said control unit controls said display control unit to display the one of the windows selected by said selecting unit at an enlarged size. (figure. 4, column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 20-35)

As per claim 22, Ramirez Diaz teaches the method of claim 21. Ramirez Diaz further teaches when the one of the windows displayed at the enlarged size is moved in the indicated movement direction, said control unit controls said display control unit to display the moved one of the windows at a maximum size. (figure. 4, column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 20-35)

As per claim 23, Ramirez Diaz teaches the method of claim 23. Ramirez Diaz further teaches when the one of the windows displayed at the enlarged size is moved in the indicated movement direction, said control unit controls said display control unit to display an operation panel window in a region not occupied by the windows. (column 7, lines 20-35)

As per claim 27, it is rejected under the same rationale as claim 19. Supra.

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As per claim 30, it is of the same scope as claim 22. Supra.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 12, 17, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramirez Diaz US Patent 6,476,858 in view of Martinez US Patent 6,111,575.

As per claim 1, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window display control apparatus comprising:

A display control unit that controls a display device to display a plurality of windows in a display screen of the display device; (figure 3, item 140; figure 1, items 101 and 102)

A selecting unit that selects one of the windows; (figure 2, item 103)

A control unit that responses to selection of one the windows by said selecting unit, for controlling said display control unit to change a size of each of the windows based on the selection information. (figure. 4, column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 20-35)

However, Ramirez Diaz fails to teach a storage that stores selection history information for each of the windows selected by said selecting unit;

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Martinez teaches a storage that stores selection history information for each of the windows selected by said selecting unit; (see Mathews, paragraph 0091; User's interaction with the application is selection history.)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Martinez's teaching with method of Ramirez Diaz in order to user to perform multiple levels of undo and redo at a time.

As per claim 2, Ramirez Diaz and Martinez teach the method of claim 35. Ramirez Diaz further teaches wherein said control unit determines display position and sizes of the video window and the operation panel window such that all of windows do not overlap with each other. (column 2, lines 50-70, column 7, lines 5-35)

As per claims 12 and 17, they are rejected with the same rationale claim 1. Supra

As per claim 35, Ramirez Diaz and Martinez teach the method of claim 1. Ramirez Diaz further teaches wherein the plurality of windows comprise a video window, and an operation panel window that display an operation panel for controlling a video device, the video device outputting image data for displaying an image on the video window. (figure 1, items 101 and 102)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramirez Diaz US Patent US 6,476,858 in view of Ishida US Patent 5,684,969.

As per claim 7, Ramirez Diaz teaches a multi-window system as claimed in claim 5. However Ramirez Diaz fails to teach wherein said control unit controls said display control unit

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to change numbers of operating buttons included in the operation panel windows in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows.

Ishida teaches wherein control unit controls display control unit to change numbers of operating buttons included in the operation panel windows in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows. (column 8, lines 26-64)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Ishida's teaching with method of Ramirez Diaz in order display all the general information in a single display.

Response To Argument

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 9, and 17 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection, and applicant's arguments for claims 5, 13, 18, and 20 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's argument focused on the following:

A) Ramirez Diaz fails to teach a plurality of video windows and an operation panel window that is separate and discrete from the video windows.

B) Ramirez Diaz fails to teach indicating a direction of movement of the selected window and moving the selected window in the indicated direction and enlarging the window size that is larger than all of the non-selected windows.

Examiner disagrees.

A) Ramirez Diaz teaches this limitation because the general control panel is separate from each sub-surveillance camera window. (figure 4 Each sub-surveillance window has its own control panel (figure 2, items 120) that is separate from the general control panel (figure 1, items

101-102) and when the surveillance window is closed, the general control panel is not. (column 6, lines 40-55)

B) Ramirez Diaz teaches this limitation because a user can resize a window by dragging the corners of the window and pulling at a direction that would either enlarge or reduce the size of the window. (column 6, lines 55-65)

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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